

gave birth to him".

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

## **Rubbing the Baby's Mouth with a Date**

### **Prophetic Hadiths:**

"Abu Musa related' ,When I bore a boy, I brought him before the Prophet (pbuh) who named him Ibrahim, rubbed his mouth with a date, supplicated Allah for him and then gave me him back".

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

## **Sacrifice for A Newborn and Circumcision<sup>62</sup>**

### **Prophetic Hadiths:**

An animal should be sacrificed when a baby is born and the baby should be circumcised.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

The Prophet (pbuh) slaughtered an animal as sacrifice when Al-Hassan and Al-Hussain were born and he circumcised them in the seventh day of their birth.

[Reported by Al-Baihaqi]

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<sup>62</sup> Circumcision is one of the protective procedures that protect one against many diseases. Cutting the foreskin of the baby's penis or the foreskin of the girl's clitoris protects one from harmful secretion. It enables the front part of the penis to move about freely. It protects one against cancer. Unintentional urination does not affect the circumcised baby. Circumcised youth do not addict to masturbation. Circumcised men have sex with their wives longer than the uncircumcised.

# Name-Giving

## **Prophetic Hadiths:**

The best names in the sight of Allah are Abdullah and Abdur Rahman  
[Reported by Muslim]

The Prophet (pbuh) said: If anyone is called by my name, he must not be given my kunyah (surname), and if anyone uses my kunyah (surname), he must not be called by my name.

## **The Prophet As A Kind Father<sup>63</sup>**

## **Prophetic Hadiths:**

The Prophet (pbuh) used to protrude his tongue to Al-Hasan, who in turn would notice the redness of his tongue and hurry towards him.

[Reported by Ibn Habban]

'Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) said,

"Once, a nomad came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said, "You kiss your children but we do not. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "What should I do with you if Allah stripped mercy from your heart?"

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) also related,

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<sup>63</sup> Parents are created loving their children. They give them great concern, affection and care. Without such an innate love, the parents might not keep patient to rear their children. Those who do not love their children are surly odd people. Children need love and care to be brought up in a wholesome manner. The Prophet (pbuh) set a great example in rearing his children. He treated them kindly and affectionately.